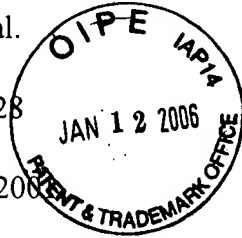


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): IHLE et al.

Serial No.: 09/870,128

Filed: May 30, 2006



Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Heather Calamita

For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO POPULATIONS

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for METHOD FOR SEPARATING NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO POPULATIONS

2. The communication in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Applicant(s) is/are entitled to Small Entity Status.

☐ Statement has already been filed

4.	Total Months Requested	Fee for Other than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
e. <input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	An extension for _____ months has already been secured for filing the above-identified communication and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension (\$_____), minus the fee previously paid (\$_____) equals \$_____ (total fee due).		

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5. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension fee is attached.
6. ☒ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4290-4000. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 4290-4000. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 12, 2006

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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